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ONLY one solitary vote was cast for Detroit's doughty democratic dictator, Dow M. DICKINSON, in the democratic senatorial caucus. But then Dow was not a candidate, you know. No empty honors on his plate.

WHERE is the Chicago foot-kicker? A girl who was introduced to Anarchist SYMS during his trial is about to marry the condemned criminal. The indications are that the above mentioned f. k. could reap a rich harvest in the windy city.

DR. DUNSTER of Ann Arbor, has filed a report stating that, in his opinion, C. M. BROCKING of Detroit, is insane and not responsible for his actions. It is to be hoped, for the credit of humanity, that the Dr. is correct in his diagnosis.

EX-SENATOR McDONALD and his friends are all wrought up over the nomination of Judge TURPIN instead of the ex-senator himself as the democratic candidate for the U. S. senate. They not only consider it base ingratitude, but look upon it as a case of extreme TURPIN-itude.

THE democrats nominated GEORGE L. YARLE as their candidate for senator. Of course he wasn't elected; but with his usual luck—badly scooped. Met then, his wife has got a baby, that is some consolation; and it is the seventh one she has had. The YARLE boom is on the increase.

MR. HENRY GEORGE has succeeded in securing the sincere hostility of the Catholic Church. Well, the people generally will not feel bad about that. He merits not only the hostility of Catholics, but of protestants as well. He is not developing into a first class crank, as has been suggested; he is already fully developed.

IT hasn't been in response to the petitions of party prohibitionists that the house of representatives passed the resolution for submission. In fact, it appears very much as though that party—especially its leaders—regret the probability of submission. They fear it will hurt their party.

SOME of the fusion legislators of Michigan distinguished themselves by voting for HENRY A. ROBINSON, the late defeated republican candidate for congress in the 1st district, as their candidate for senator. That's right, gentlemen, if you shall ever get into the habit of selecting your candidates from among the republicans, you will improve the morale and standing of your party.

CONNECTICUT republicans have very properly nominated General HAWLEY to be his own successor in the United States senate. Senator HAWLEY is a valuable man and it would have been poor policy to substitute any new man in his place. His well known and recognized ability, together with his large legislative experience mark him as one of the leading men in our National halls of legislation.

REPRESENTATIVES FISHER and TARNETT are having lots of fun over the location of the federal court. The former supposed he had it fastened at Bay City, but the irrepressible Tim, figuratively speaking, knocked his eye out and had East Saginaw inserted in the bill. The rival cities are making faces and glowering at each other. The one who finally comes out ahead in the fight will be a great man—in the estimation of his constituents.

ILLINOIS republicans have nominated Hon. CHARLES B. FARWELL as successor to General LOGAN's seat in the senate. It is not expected that he can fill the place so lately occupied by the deceased warrior and statesman; there are very few men in the nation who could do that. Mr. FARWELL, however, is not wholly inexperienced in legislative matters, having served in the forty-second, forty-third and forty-fourth congresses. He is an able man and a thoroughbred republican.

"THE English government recently refused to allow an American military company to land on the sacred soil of the British empire. Great Britain must retain a vivid recollection of 1776 and 1812, but she was unnecessarily frightened this time. There was no intent on the part of these men to capture the proud empire upon whose shores the sun never sets. They were simply on a pleasure excursion, and the only destruction intended was the destruction of English "grab," and for this they were ready to render a *quid pro quo* in good American money.

THE substitute for the Edmunds bill recently passed by the house of representatives, was the most radical measure yet proposed for the suppression of polygamy. Had the senate done likewise, the people would hope that they had seen the beginning of the end of the remaining "twin relic," but that body saw fit to reject the measure. No legislation can be too radical, if it will only remove this foul blot from the body politic. If it is not accomplished by peaceful means, it will, some day, cost the Nation blood and treasure to rid itself of this moral cancer.

THE Detroit Free Press, replying to a statement made by the NORTHERNER that "The Free Press takes the lead in opposing submission," says the NORTHERNER is in error, and that "The Free Press does not oppose submission." Thanks, esteemed contemporary, thanks; the NORTHERNER is glad to be set right in this matter; and yet it cannot reconcile this statement with the many other utterances of the Free Press on this same question. If it is not opposed to submission, the Free Press will, no doubt, advise its readers to vote in favor of the amendment, provided it shall be submitted.

SOME disgraceful scenes were enacted in the New Jersey legislature, the responsibility for which seems to be about evenly divided between the two parties. The democrats blundered as usual, and the republicans secured the organization. Two or three labor members hold the balance of power, and on their votes depends the election of either a republican or a democrat for United States senator. They voted with the republicans on the organization, but it is not at all certain that they will do so on the senatorial question. The middle in that state is near enough like that in Indiana to be a twin brother to it.

SENATOR MORRIS, in addition to being president pro tem, a position, by the way, for which the NORTHERNER suggested his name months ago, is also chairman of the committees on banking and the State Normal school, and a member of the committee on rules. Representative CROSS is chairman of the committee on insurance and a member of the committees on state affairs, and the asylum for deaf and dumb. Representative SIMMONS is chairman of the library committee and a member of the committees on agriculture, and roads and bridges. Van Buren's legislators have been honored, and they will honor the positions to which they have been appointed.

THE inter-state commerce bill has passed both houses and will, undoubtedly, become the law of the land. This is a question on which there has been a decided division of sentiment, not only in congress, but among people who are conversant with railroad matters and management. It is claimed on the one hand that it will result in great benefit to the people, especially to the agriculturalists of the west while, on the other hand, it is claimed with equal vigor, that no class of people will be benefited and that the result of the law will be disastrous to the interests of the very parties in whose behalf the bill was framed. Time will tell which is correct. The law may be imperfect and need revision or amendment, but it is, we believe, a step in the right direction.

THE Michigan legislature is wrestling with a bill to compel parties who desire to enter into wedded bliss for life or until the interference of a divorce court, to procure a license for that purpose. If all ministers of the gospel and justices of the peace would make prompt return of the marriages solemnized by them, the present statute would be good enough; but they don't do it and, as a consequence, the record of marriages is very incomplete. Perhaps the better way to cure this evil is to adopt the license system, but it will be rough on bashful swains to go before the county clerk and tell all about it and, besides, it will be ruinous to the business of ministers and magistrates who live near the state line. Runaway marriages from other states will be played out.

THERE is no state in the Union that is in better financial condition than Michigan. She is practically out of debt, owing but \$230,000, a balance on the war loan that is not due until 1890. To pay this, there is an equal amount of United States bonds in the sinking fund. Were it not for the fact that the parties holding these obligations against the state will not accept payment before it is due, this indebtedness would long since have been paid. The foregoing statement is outside of the trust fund debt, which is composed of funds and amounts set apart for educational purposes, and which must remain a perpetual debt, on which the state, as trustee of its educational institutions, must pay interest for all time to come. The total amount of these funds is \$4,313,621, some of which draws interest at five per cent, some at six per cent and the balance at seven per cent.

AS was expected, the house, on Thursday last, passed a resolution to submit the prohibitory amendment to a vote of the people at the spring election. The vote stood seventy-four ayes and twenty-one nays. Every republican but one—Bettenger of Wayne—voted in favor of the measure. The fusionists held a caucus and resolved to vote solidly against the measure, but there were ten of them who declined to abide by the caucus decision. They were CADY and STUART of Wayne, BENTLEY of St. Joseph, BALDWIN of Otsego, HOOBLER of Saginaw, ROBINSON of Montcalm, WILSON of Claire, McKIE of Berrien, PARKER of Ionia, and PRESTON of Ingham. There is every probability that the resolution will pass the senate and that the people will have an opportunity to decide at the polls whether they want prohibition or not. By all means, let the senate move promptly in this matter.

COMMENTING on the course of certain newspapers in raising a great hullabaloo about the impeachment of Governor LUCE, the Jackson Patriot, a staunch democratic sheet, discourses most sensibly as follows: "The talk about impeaching Gov. LUCE because he neglected to hand in his resignation as a member of the board of agriculture is petty and unworthy. Nobody wants him impeached. Having been duly elected, all fair-minded persons, even if it were possible, would frown down any attempt to displace the new governor on a technicality. At least one prominent alleged democratic newspaper in this state seems to think that practical politics consist of kicking up a thundering racket about some trifling bag-a-booby that finds no lodgment in the minds of men of judgment and capacity. Battles are not won that way, and those who indulge in that sort of thing injure any cause which is so unfortunate as to be championed by them."

THE Indiana senatorial middle still continues, and the probable outcome cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. Lieutenant Governor ROBERTSON has been declared elected by the republican members of the legislature, the democrats refusing to participate in the proceedings. An appeal

has been made to the courts to secure his seat. The democrats claim that there was no legal vacancy in the office, although they nominated and voted for a man for the position. It was only when their candidate was defeated that they discovered that a vacancy did not exist. Ostensibly, the democrats have seventy-six votes on joint ballot and the republicans seventy-four but, as there are thirteen contested seats, eight in the house and five in the senate, the situation is liable to be materially changed before a vote is taken for senator. The democrats have nominated Judge TURPIN as their candidate for senator, and the friends of McDONALD, his principal competitor, are very much disgruntled at the result. It is said that several of them will vote for HARRISON, the republican candidate, but this is hardly probable. Judging from the well understood capacity of the democratic party for making disastrous blunders at critical periods—to put its foot in its mouth, as it were—it would seem as though the chances were in favor of the election of General HARRISON.

Much Ado about Nothing. Among all the foolish things that have been perpetrated or attempted in the name of the democratic party, we remember nothing more utterly stupid and ridiculous than the talk of impeaching Governor LUCE because he did not tender to Governor ALGER his resignation as a member of the state board of agriculture, before his inauguration. It is said that Mr. LUCE was approached by a leading democrat—no less a personage than HENRY CHAMBERLAIN, the great demo-green-back sage of Three Oaks—with a proposition to allow him—CHAMBERLAIN—to dictate certain appointments, as the price of the silence of the great democratic party of Michigan in this matter, and that Governor LUCE indignantly refused the modest suggestion. We could scarcely believe that Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, although, as a politician, he has given utterance to many foolish words, had got so far into his dotage as to be guilty of this supercilious piece of folly that is laid to his charge, nor that he would be willing to stand sponsor for an attempted impeachment of the governor on any such trivial pretext. But he has since filed his petition for such impeachment, and has thus won the unenviable distinction of being the greatest DOONERAY in the democratic party.

The editorial columns of the state organ of the late fusion party have been loaded with trash concerning this matter for the past week, but that is no evidence that anybody will be idiotic enough to prepare and submit to the legislature articles of impeachment that must rest on such flimsy foundation. Should the leaders of the democratic party be silly enough to attempt any such scheme, it will prove to be a political boomerang, thrown by unskilled hands, and will work injury only to the party in whose behalf the supposed weapon will be hurled.

Qui Bono? The following figures are taken from the report of the Michigan commissioner of labor, bearing date January 1st, 1887. They constitute a brief but convincing temperance discourse:

The number of prisoners received at the at the Detroit House of Correction during the year 1885 was 2,636. Of these, only 391 claimed to be temperate, while 2,245 admitted themselves to be intemperate. The number of convicts received at the state prison at Jackson during the same year was 295. Of this number, eighty were temperate, fifty-five were moderate drinkers, while 160 were intemperate. 1,617 of those sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction were sent from the Detroit police court and were, of course, convicted of minor offenses and misdemeanors.

The enormous number of the inmates of this institution who were confessedly intemperate—eighty five per cent—shows that the use of intoxicating liquors is directly responsible for very much of the crime of this class. Were it not for strong drink, the criminal business of our police courts would be but the merest fraction of what it now is. Statistics from the common jails of the country would show a state of affairs similar to the records of the police courts.

The class of criminals sentenced to the Jackson prison comprises only those who have been convicted of felonies, as minor offenses are not punishable by confinement in that institution. Of this class, about fifty-five per cent were addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors to excess.

These official figures may not prove that whiskey and kindred drinks are responsible for nine tenths of the crime committed, but they bear the impress of official authority and their truth cannot be gainsaid, and they are sufficiently startling to cause intelligent men and women to ponder whether or not it is well to submit to the drink-evil a day longer than they are compelled to.

It is folly to claim that there is no connection between these figures and the commission of crime, or that a large proportion of the crime committed was not directly or indirectly caused by strong drink. The average of intemperate criminals committed to the two institutions spoken of was seventy per cent. When we remember that there is but a comparatively small proportion of our population that can be called intemperate, the fact that seventy per cent of our criminals come from those who may be so classed is sufficient to convince any sane mind that the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage is responsible for more than a moiety of all the crime committed in the country. Can anyone show how or where their use causes any corresponding benefit as a compensation for this terrible evil? There is none.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Salt, Druggist, Bippas, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Covert & Bartram's drug store.

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